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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND I-5 – EMERGENCY CLOSURES NEAR GRAPEVINE PASS

GRAPEVINE PASS (North of Santa Clarita near Gorman) — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces that all northbound and all southbound lanes of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) near Gorman are closed due to a double-big rig accident with hazardous material spill. A tanker containing hazardous materials burned and continues smoldering. Assessments are continuing to be made by Los Angeles County HAZMAT crews, Caltrans HAZMAT crews, Los Angeles County Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and the Los Angeles County Health Department.

All lanes of southbound I-5 are closed at the Grapevine Road exit. All lanes of northbound I-5 are closed at Parker Road in Castaic.

Northbound motorists are being detoured off of the freeway at Parker Road and back onto southbound I-5. Southbound motorists are being detoured off of the freeway at the Grapevine Road exit and back onto northbound I-5.

SUGGESTED DETOURS:

Traveling to northern California:

Northbound I-5 to westbound 126 to northbound 101.

Northbound 14 to westbound 58 to northbound 99

Traveling to southern California:

Eastbound Route 58 to southbound Route 14 to southbound I-5

Southbound 101 to eastbound Route 126 to southbound I-5

Westbound Route 46 to southbound Route 101

Estimated duration of re-opening lanes is NOON for southbound I-5 – and 4-6 p.m. for northbound I-5.



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